

April 27, 2007 - United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a three-count information\* charging Leslie J. Field, 57, of the 2300 block of Lombard Street in Center City, Philadelphia, with two counts of wire fraud and one count of filing a false federal income tax return for her scheming to steal more than \$700,000 from her aunt between 2000 and 2004 and failing to report the income from the scheme on her 2002 federal income tax return. Specifically, the information charges that Field obtained access to her aunt's bank accounts which held about \$1 million and art collection and then fraudulently took money from the bank accounts and fraudulently sold her aunt's art collection, using the proceeds to pay Field's own personal expenses. The information further alleges that, while Field was taking her aunt's money and selling her artwork, she was falsely telling her aunt that she was using her aunt's money to pay her aunt's expenses. Field did not report the hundreds of thousands of dollars she was stealing from her aunt on her federal income tax returns and concealed this income from her tax accountant.

If convicted, the defendant faces up to 43 years imprisonment, up to 3 years supervised release, and a \$750,000 fine.

DEFENDANT	ADDRESS	AGE [Date of Birth]
Leslie J. Field	2300 block of Lombard Street Philadelphia, PA	57

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service investigated the case. The case has been assigned for prosecution to Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Zack. For copies of the indictment and this release, please go to www.usao-edpa.gov.

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<sup>\*</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.